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Stars align in Boise for TAG conference - TAGs from across the U.S. unite in Boise

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Forty seven of the 54 Adjutants General from states and territories across the country gathered at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho during the week of June 12, 2016 for the Adjutant General Association of the United States annual conference.

Maj. Gary Sayler and Lt. Governor, Brad Little welcomed the visitors to the conference. Idaho Governor Butch C. L. Otter offered welcoming words by video to the attendees.

"On behalf of all Idahoan's, I'm honored to host this year's AGAUS conference here in Boise," Otter said. "I'm grateful to all of the men and women who serve in the National Guard. Thank you for your dedication and sacrifice that you and your fellow guard members make every day in the defense of our nation."



IDNG's Joint Color Guard posts the Colors while Capt. Seth Myers sings the National Anthem during the 2016 Adjutant General Association of the U.S. held in Boise the week of June 22. Photo courtesy AGAUS



Adjutant General of Idaho, Maj. Gen. Gary Sayler addresses a group of his peers from 47 other states during the 2016 Adjutant General Association of the U.S. held in Boise the week of June 22. Photo courtesy AGAUS

The week included business sessions, committee breakouts, networking events and time with vendors. TAGs discussed high-priority issues facing the National Guard. The topics included strength management, force structure and modernization, homeland defense and security as well as infrastructure and facilities. The exhibit hall with more than 20 vendors gave TAGs an opportunity to see new

technologies, software, hardware, cutting-edge military equipment and service organizations that support National Guard members.

After hours, the TAGs and their guests enjoyed a reception at Boise State University's Stueckle Sky Center that overlooks the well-known blue football turf, downtown Boise, and the foothills. A visit to the Boise's historic Basque block for food and music during Alive After Five was also included. On the last night in Boise, the visitors attended an Idaho Governor's Reception.

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